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Re: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing and Handling of Food"

Greetings to whomever this matter concerns:

As a consumer, I demand that the FDA continue the food labeling requirements for <u>all irradiated foods</u> — with large, prominent labels on the front of all packaged foods, and prominently displayed near all unpackaged foods — using the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated" and the <u>radura</u> symbol — for as long as our foods are being irradiated.

The proposed alternative terms "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" — which are misleading — should <u>not</u> be used. Also misleading is the <u>absence</u> of any statement, because the irradiation destroys vitamins and causes sensory and spoilage qualities which are not obvious to consumers, nor expected by us. We demand that labels on our foods should inform us accurately about the condition of what we buy to nourish ourselves, our children and our non-human companions!

Yours most sincerely,

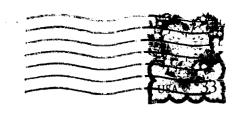
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